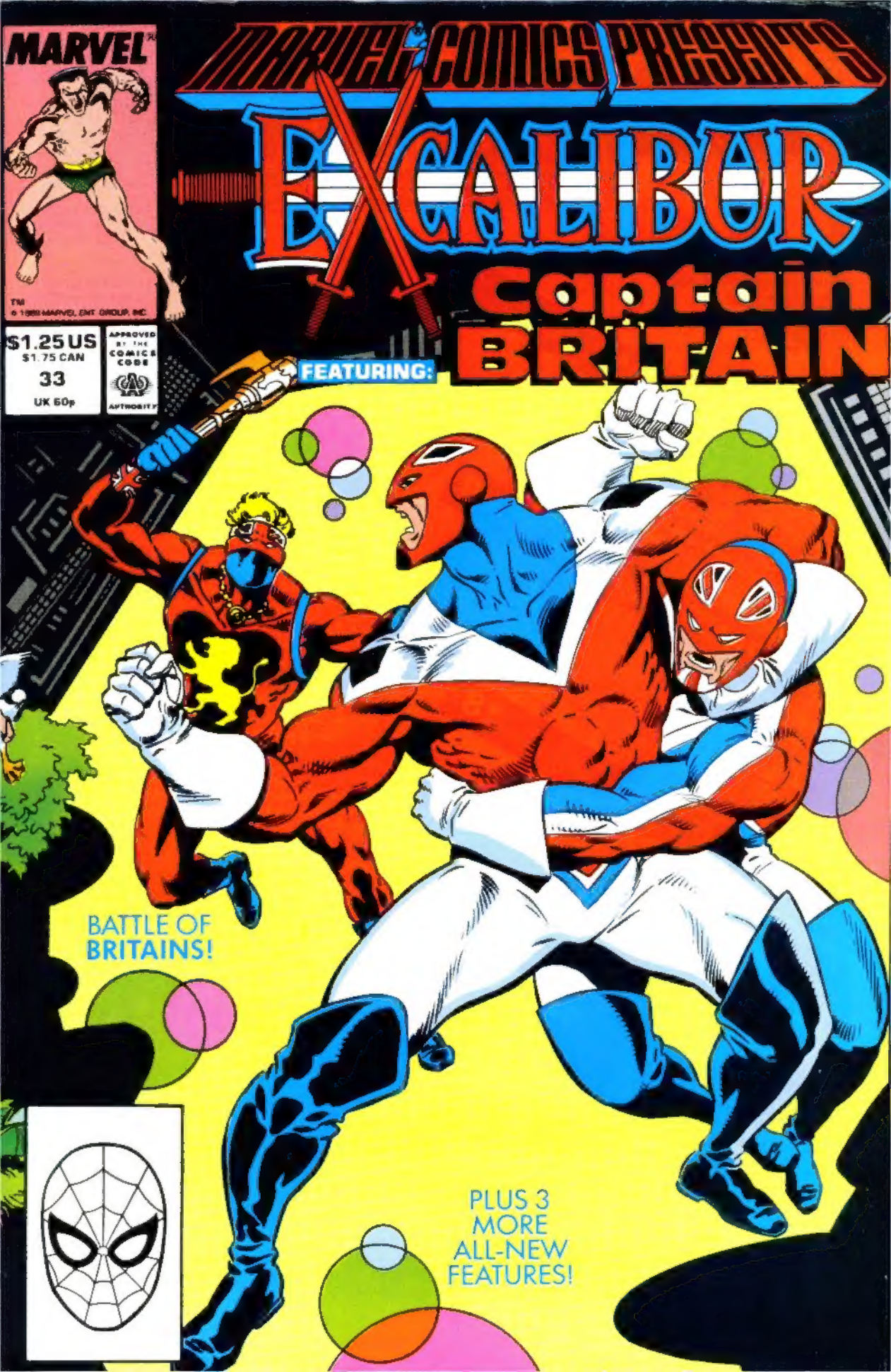
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Well, gang, you don't really think we can re-cap twenty chapters in three or four sentences, do you? Of course not. And anyhow, you've all been following the Panther's harrowing quest through South Africa, trying to locate his mother. — So what do you need with a re-cap?

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EXCALIBUR
HAVING A WILD WEEKEND PART 3
FEATURING: CAPTAIN BRITAIN
CONSCIOUSNESS...
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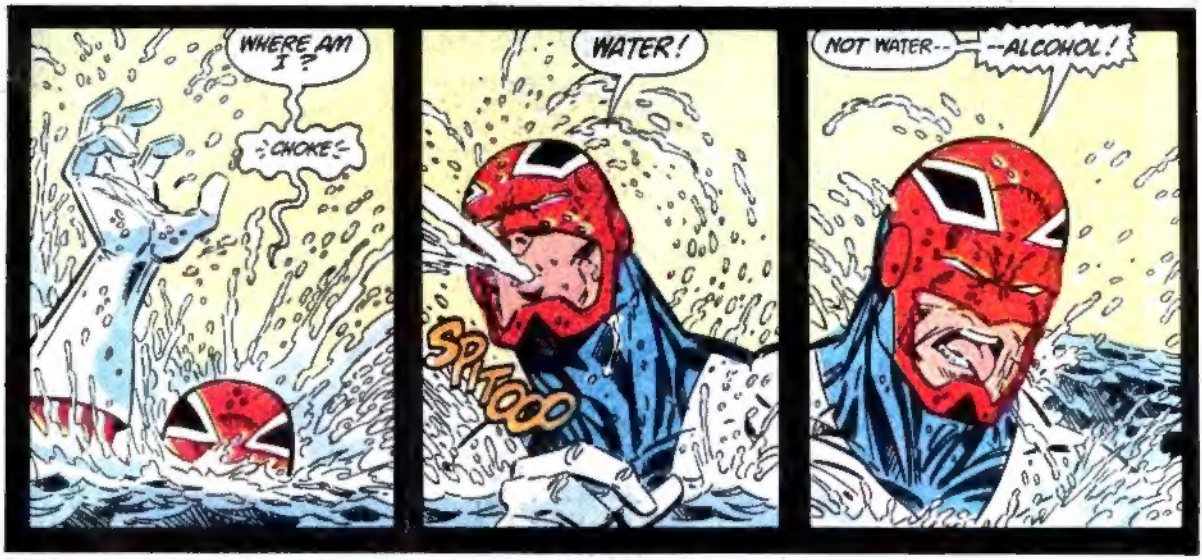
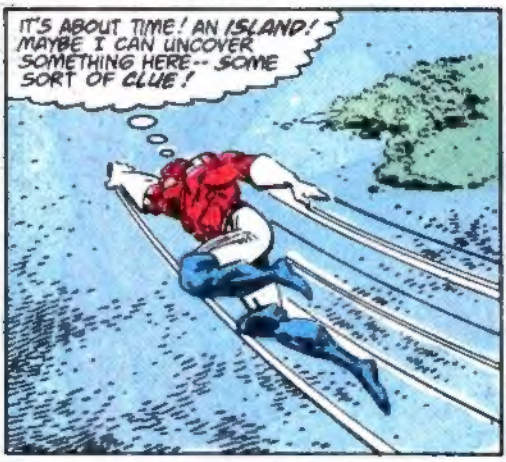
AIR! AT LAST!
ONE FLEW OVER THE CUCKOO'S NEST

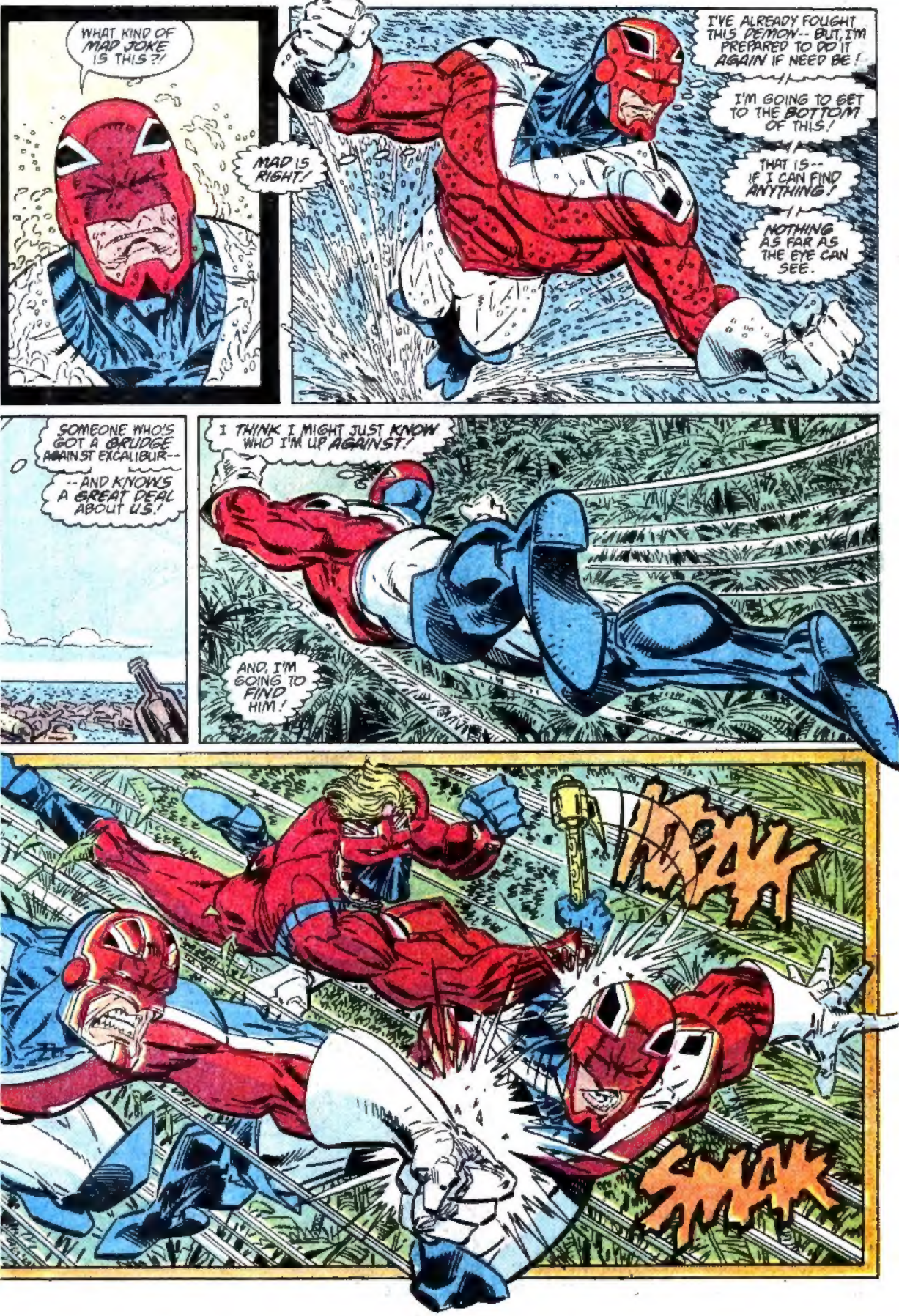

WHERE AM I ?
-:CHOKE:-
WATER!
SPITOOO
NOT WATER--
--ALCOHOL!


IT'S ABOUT TIME! AN ISLAND! MAYBE I CAN UNCOVER SOMETHING HERE-- SOME SORT OF CLUE!

I DON'T BELIEVE IT!
YERRRRRY FUNNY.
LOOKS LIKE THIS ENTIRE SCENARIO HAS BEEN PLANNED BY A REAL JOKER!

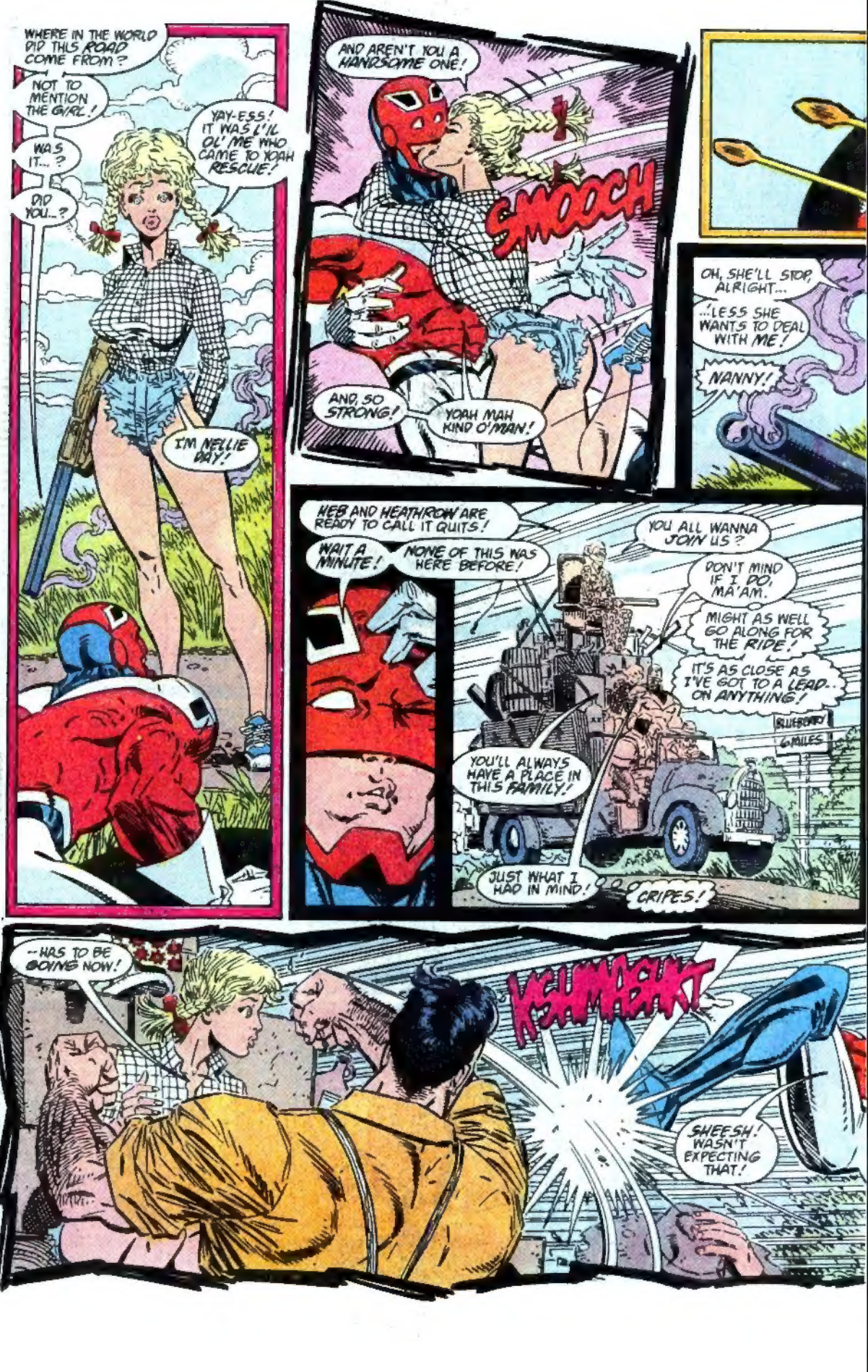
CAN'T SPOT ANYTHING FROM THE AIR!
FOLIAGE IS TOO DENSE!
I'LL HAVE TO PENETRATE ON FOOT!

IF I DON'T FIND ANYTHING ELSE--
--AT LEAST I'LL HAVE FOOD!


WHAT KIND OF MAD JOKE IS THIS?!
MAD IS RIGHT!
I'VE ALREADY FOUGHT THIS DEMON-- BUT, I'M PREPARED TO DO IT AGAIN IF NEED BE!
I'M GOING TO GET TO THE BOTTOM OF THIS!
THAT IS-- IF I CAN FIND ANYTHING!
NOTHING AS FAR AS THE EYE CAN SEE.
SOMEONE WHO'S GOT A GRUDGE AGAINST EXCALIBUR--
--AND KNOWS A GREAT DEAL ABOUT US!
I THINK I MIGHT JUST KNOW WHO I'M UP AGAINST!
AND, I'M GOING TO FIND HIM!
KRAK
KRAK

THIS CAN'T BE HAPPENING!
THOSE ARE MY OLD COSTUMES!
WHAT'S GOING ON HERE?
COULD IT BE--
--THE ALCOHOL?
THAT'S GOT TO BE IT.
I'M HALLUCINATING.
WOK
NO.
THIS ALL SEEMS REAL ENOUGH!
SMASH
AND, DON'T THINK I'VE FORGOTTEN ABOUT YOU...
BASH
...OR IS IT ME?
THAT WASN'T A WISE MOVE, CAPTAIN BRITAIN!
KRAK
WE ARE EVERY BIT YOUR EQUALS!
MEANWHILE...
OKAY, BAD GUYS, HERE I COME!
HMM...
I'M BEGINNING TO SMELL A RAT!
THIS ALL SEEMS TOO FAMILIAR!
THIS IS SOME SORT OF CONTROL CENTER!
AND...
I HAVE LEARNED FROM YOUR FAILURES!
YOU ARE NO MATCH FOR ME!
CRAK

UNGH!
PERHAPS YOUR SUPERIORS-- FROM A TIME BEFORE YOU WERE TAINTED!
BESIDES, THERE ARE TWO OF US!
ONLY ONE OF YOU!
YOU DON'T STAND A CHANCE!
=gulp=
A VERY SOPHISTICATED ONE!
HOPE I CAN FIGURE IT OUT!
AND, I'VE GOT TO CONCENTRATE ON REMAINING SOLID...
WHILE I PRAY THAT MY ACTIONS WILL HELP EXCALIBUR!
HERE GOES NOTHING!
NOW!
LET'S CHECK OUT THE EFFECTS OF WHAT I'VE DONE!
CRAK
HUNH?
WHAT'S THIS?!


WHERE IN THE WORLD DID THIS ROAD COME FROM?
NOT TO MENTION THE GIRL!
WAS IT...?
DID YOU...?
YAY-ESS! IT WAS L'IL OL' ME WHO CAME TO YOAH RESCUE!
I'M NELLIE DAY!
AND AREN'T YOU A HANDSOME ONE!
SMOOCH
AND, SO STRONG!
YOAH MAH KIND O'MAN!
OH, SHE'LL STOP, ALRIGHT...
...'LESS SHE WANTS TO DEAL WITH ME!
NANNY!
NEB AND HEATHROW ARE READY TO CALL IT QUITS!
WAIT A MINUTE!
NONE OF THIS WAS HERE BEFORE!
YOU ALL WANNA JOIN US?
DON'T MIND IF I DO, MA'AM.
MIGHT AS WELL GO ALONG FOR THE RIDE!
IT'S AS CLOSE AS I'VE GOT TO A LEAD.. ON ANYTHING!
BLUEBERRY
6 MILES
YOU'LL ALWAYS HAVE A PLACE IN THIS FAMILY!
JUST WHAT I HAD IN MIND!
CRIPES!
--HAS TO BE GOING NOW!
KSHHHHHT
SHEESH! WASN'T EXPECTING THAT!

BLAM BLAM BLAM
YIPES!
DON'T! STOP!
NEVER THOUGHT I'D LIVE TO SEE ANYTHING SO CRUDE!
COULD SEND ME RUNNIN' FER THE HILLS!
BUT, I'M A MITE HUNGRY--
--AND BLUEBERRY'S JUST OVER YONDER!
THERE'S WEALTH A'PLENTY UP IN THOSE THAR TOWNS.
'LEAST THAT'S WHAT COUSIN DANDY SAYS!
BUT, NANNY...
DON'T BUT ME!
GEE, MUSCLES, YOU SHOAH ARE A WELCOME ADDITION!
SMOOCH SMOOCH SMOOCH
TOO WELCOME!
WHICH WAY DO WE GO NOW?
WE'LL HEAD THATTAWAY.
BUT, OUR GUEST--
FLOUR
JUST TRYING TO MIND MY OWN BUSINESS!
HUMP
IF HE THINKS HE CAN GET AWAY WITH THAT--!
HEY! THEY'RE GONE.
NOT EVEN A FORK IN THE ROAD!
DON'T KNOW WHERE THEY WENT, BUT I GUESS I'D BETTER JUST HEAD FOR THIS BLUEBERRY ON MY OWN!
BLUEBERRY
OH, NO!
YELLOW BRICKS!
IT CAN'T BE!
I THOUGHT SO... BUT NOW I KNOW!
I'M LOSING MY MIND!
GO THAT WAY!
?!

SHORTLY...
HIC WHO ARE YOU HIC STRANGER?
CAPTAIN BRITAIN, AND, YOU?
IT'S HIC DIFFICULT TO RECALL.
ER... UMMM... HIC IT!
ONUS! THAT'S HIC IT!
GOOD TO SEE YOU PAL. HIC EVERYONE'S A FRIEND HERE IN BLUEBERRY!
AND I THOUGHT I'D DRUNK A LOT!
SHEESH!
GOBER'S GAS
SLUMP
I NEED SOME ANSWERS!
THAT'S HIC WHAT I'M HERE FOR!
WHERE IS THIS PLACE? WHO IS IN CONTROL?
Y'MEAN HIC SHERIFF GAYLOR?
LEMME TELL YOU HIC A STORY...
NO! I WANT ANSWERS!
WELL, IF YOU'RE GONNA BE A PROBLEM HIC WHY DON'T YOU JUST HEAD DOWNSTAIRS.
THEY'LL BE MORE USE THAN ME.
"... HIC ... AND JUST ABOUT AS FRIENDLY, EVERYBODY WILL WANNA KNOW YOUR NAME!"
WHAT CAN I GET YOU, BIG GUY?
NOTICE I DIDN'T ASK WHAT YOU CAN GET ME! FIVE KIDS AT HOME ARE ENOUGH FOR ME!
PERRIER.
WHAT?!
ALL THOSE MUSCLES AND YOU WANT A WUSS DRINK?
LOOKS LIKE YOU REAL MEN MIGHT WANT TO RECONSIDER HANGING AROUND THIS JOINT!
GET A LOOK AT OUR NEW CLIENTELE!
SNARLA'S RIGHT THERE, DEFORMY! GUESS WE'VE GOT SOME SORT OF WIMP HERE IN SNEERS!
YOU KNOW IT, BIFFY.
TAP ANOTHER KEG, ROACH!
AW, PAY THEM NO MIND--OR DON'T PAY THEM AT ALL. LOTS OF PEOPLE JUST SKIP OUT. I OUGHTTA KNOW, I OWN THIS PLACE!
SAY, DO YOU WANT SOME COMPANY? I THINK I KNOW WHAT YOU'RE GOING THROUGH.
MY NAME'S SCAM, AND PERRIER IS JUST FINE WITH ME!
THANKS, FRIEND.
THANKS... BUT, NO THANKS.
I THINK I'D JUST LIKE TO SIT HERE--
--ALONE.
OUR PLEASURE, BUB!
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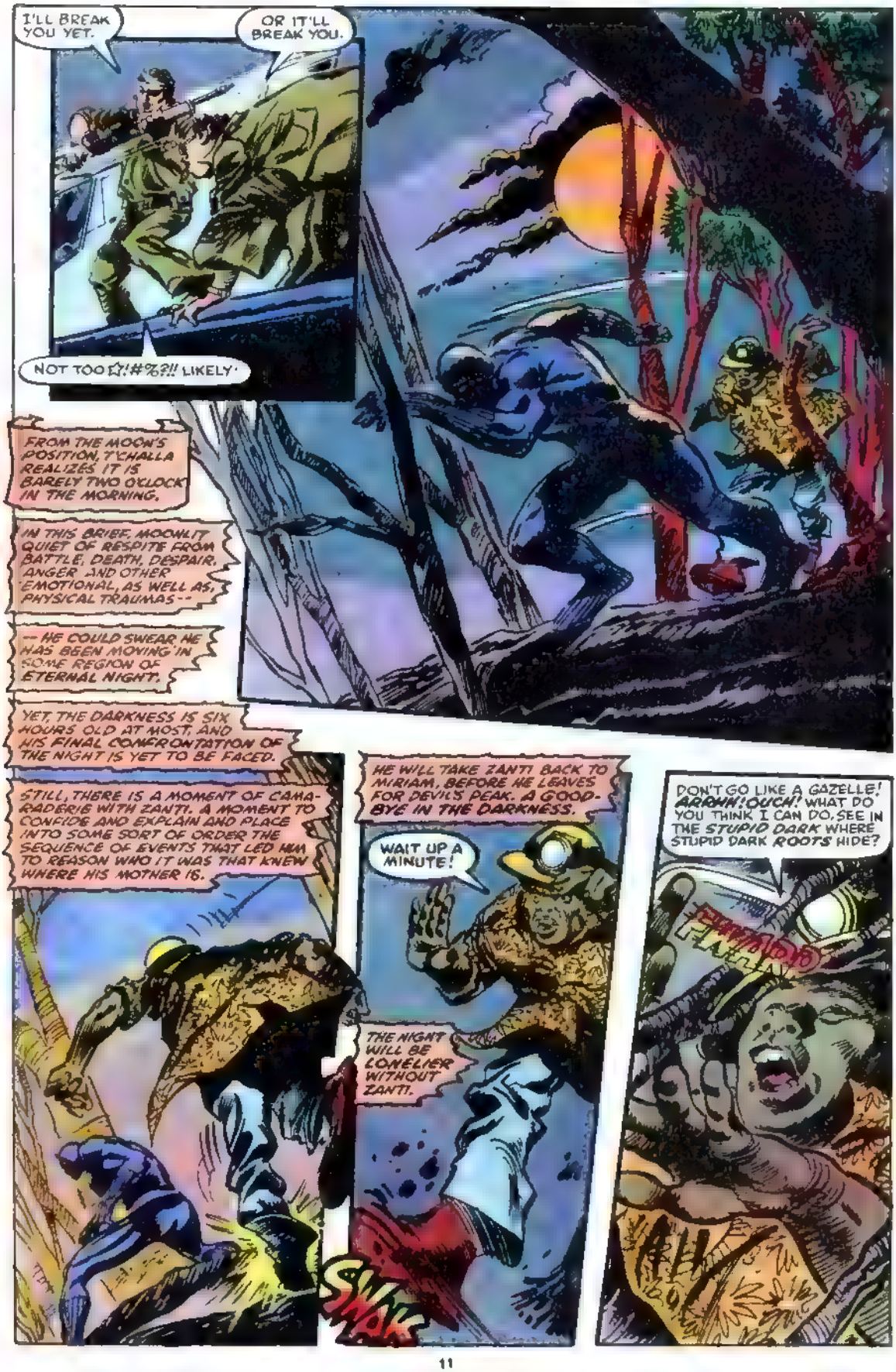
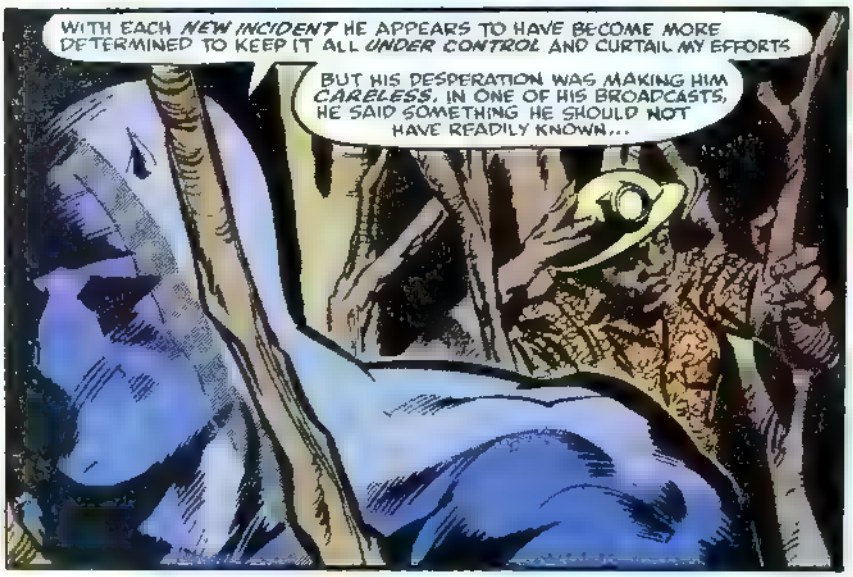
PANTHER'S QUEST
PART XXI. STARRING: THE BLACK PANTHER
"I know it's a terrible pity, there's a lot of pain, there's a lot of suffering you know, there are a lot of casualties, but you know it's not the fault of the nation, it's the fault of an insecure illegitimate government that's using all the force it can, you know, to bend the will of the people."
-- ZINZI MANDELA, daughter of imprisoned anti-apartheid activist, Nelson Mandela, from the CBS news documentary, Children of Apartheid.
SOMETIMES IN A MANHUNT OR BATTLE, IT IS NOT THE AMOUNT OF MEN OR WEAPONRY THAT TURNS THE SITUATION IN YOUR FAVOR.
SOMETIMES IT IS PURE STUMBLING LUCK THAT GIVES YOU THE EDGE, DOEKE RIEBEECK ASSESSES--
--BUT ONLY IF YOU RECOGNIZE THE MOMENT AND CAPITALIZE ON IT.
LUCK IS A WILL O' THE WISP. DOESN'T ANNOUNCE ITS ARRIVAL OR DEPARTURE.
YOU COULDN'T CALL IT STRATEGIC ACCOMPLISHMENT. THE TROOPS DIDN'T HAVE IDEA ONE THERE WAS AN AIRCRAFT HIDDEN IN THE VELD
THEY WERE SEARCHING FOR A MAN. IT WAS WHEN ONE OF HIS SOLDIERS TRIED TO WALK OVER A HILLOCK, WHICH PITCHED HIM RIGHT ON HIS DUFF, THAT LUCK CAME WITH STUPEFYING SUDDENNESS.

LOSING
CONTROL
THE HILLOCK TURNED OUT TO BE CAMOUFLAGE TARPAULIN FOR THIS BIZARRELY CONSTRUCTED AIRCRAFT.
DOUBTLESS IT BELONGED TO THEIR QUARRY--THE BLACK PANTHER.
RUCKT
THE MINISTER OF SECURITY STUDIES SGT VAN DER MERWE, GREY EYES NARROWING WITH CONCERN
VAN DER MERWE TAKES ALMOST SADISTIC PLEASURE EACH TIME HE BASHES THE MACHINE.
GIVE YOU ☆!*%#N?!!
LIKE EACH WHACK IS HITTING THE MAN WHO OWNS IT
BETTER KEEP AN EYE ON HIM, VAN DER MERWE WANTS THE KILL TOO DESPERATELY.
SUCH PASSION COULD MAKE HIM AN ASSET--
--BUT WITH EQUAL POSSIBILITY A LIABILITY


I'LL BREAK YOU YET.
OR IT'LL BREAK YOU.
NOT TOO ☆!#%?!! LIKELY.
FROM THE MOON'S POSITION, T'CHALLA REALIZES IT IS BARELY TWO O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING.
IN THIS BRIEF, MOONLIT QUIET OF RESPITE FROM BATTLE, DEATH, DESPAIR, ANGER AND OTHER EMOTIONAL, AS WELL AS, PHYSICAL TRAUMAS--
--HE COULD SWEAR HE HAS BEEN MOVING IN SOME REGION OF ETERNAL NIGHT.
YET, THE DARKNESS IS SIX HOURS OLD AT MOST, AND HIS FINAL CONFRONTATION OF THE NIGHT IS YET TO BE FACED.
STILL, THERE IS A MOMENT OF CAMARADERIE WITH ZANTI. A MOMENT TO CONFIDE AND EXPLAIN AND PLACE INTO SOME SORT OF ORDER THE SEQUENCE OF EVENTS THAT LED HIM TO REASON WHO IT WAS THAT KNEW WHERE HIS MOTHER IS.
HE WILL TAKE ZANTI BACK TO MIRIAM, BEFORE HE LEAVES FOR DEVIL'S PEAK. A GOOD-BYE IN THE DARKNESS.
WAIT UP A MINUTE!
THE NIGHT WILL BE LONELIER WITHOUT ZANTI.
SWISH
DON'T GO LIKE A GAZELLE! ARRHH! OUCH! WHAT DO YOU THINK I CAN DO, SEE IN THE STUPID DARK WHERE STUPID DARK ROOTS HIDE?
FWIPP
FLAP

AND EXPLAIN A BIT SLOWER HOW YOU FIGURED IT WAS THIS COMMUNICATIONS MAGISTRATE WHAT'S HIS NAME?... I CAN NEVER REMEMBER THAT MAN'S NAME. IT JUST POPPED OUT OF MY HEAD LIKE BALOYIS. .W TCHES TO YOU...RIDING FAST ON SUMMER STORM WINDS."
I'LL TRY AGAIN, ZANTI.. AS I SAID BEFORE, .AT FIRST I BLAMED MYSELF FOR THE SUDDEN ARRIVAL OF SOLDIERS IN THE TOWNSHIP GUILT.. AND THE QUICK SUCCESSION OF EVENTS WERE BLINDING ME.
THE MORE I THOUGHT OF IT THOUGH, SO MUCH TROOP ACTIVITY FOR SO LITTLE PROVOCATION...EVEN FOR THE SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT IT SEEMED TOO ABRUPT FOR SUCH EXTREME FORCE.
CONSIDER IT... WHAT HAD WE DONE... ONLY DISARMED TWO SOLDIERS WHO SHOULD HAVE HAD NO IDEA WHO I WAS.
THEN CONSIDER THIS... THERE WAS IMMEDIATE KNOWLEDGE OF WHO I WAS...NOT A SUSPICION... NO INVESTIGATIVE INQUIRY. ANTON PRETORIUS HAD MY PICTURE READY AS CHIEFTAIN AND THE PANTHER FOR THE NEWS AT THE END OF THAT DAY
HE CLAIMED IT WAS ME TO THE AUDIENCE AT LARGE AND SET OUT THE MANHUNT AND THAT'S BECAUSE... HE KNEW I WAS HERE!
SLADE
HIS MERCENARY, GORE, HAD TOLD HIM. SO HE SET ABOUT TRYING EVERY WAY HE COULD DEVISE TO STOP ME.
HE HAD ACCESS TO INFLUENCE MILITARY DECISIONS AND HE USED THOSE FORCES TO BACK UP HIS MERCENARY UNIT... IN THE CHANCE THAT I MIGHT MANAGE TO ELUDE GORE.
I'D DONE IT ONCE. WHY NOT AGAIN?
THAT'S WHY GORE HAD A SPY WATCHING SLADE'S STORE.
SSSSSSSSSS
IT WAS RELAYED TO GORE WHEN I ARRIVED, AND GORE INFORMED PRETORIUS THAT'S HOW THE TROOPS WITH THE TEAR-GAS ARRIVED SO QUICKLY

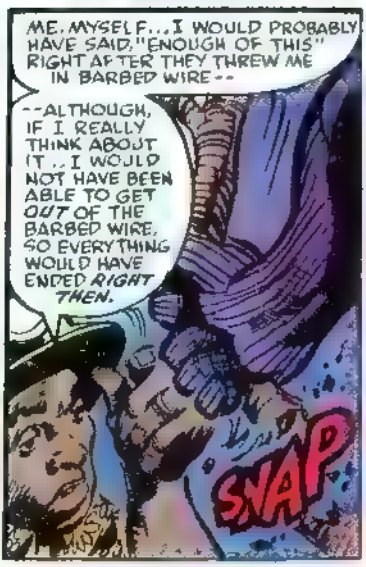
PRETOR US'S NATURAL CAUTION WAS DYING TO DESPERATION.
BY NOW HE WAS *PRODDING* EVERYBODY...THE ARMY... HIS OWN PERSONAL SECURITY FORCES LED BY GORE


WITH EACH *NEW INCIDENT* HE APPEARS TO HAVE BECOME MORE DETERMINED TO KEEP IT ALL *UNDER CONTROL* AND CURTAIL MY EFFORTS
BUT HIS DESPERATION WAS MAKING HIM *CARELESS*, IN ONE OF HIS BROADCASTS, HE SAID SOMETHING HE SHOULD NOT HAVE READILY KNOWN...

..my father's name--
-T'Chaka

AND OUTSIDE OF WAKANDA WHO KNOWS MY FATHER'S NAME--
--BUT MY MOTHER
WHUP
ARE YOU OKAY?

YES. IF I DO NOT HAVE A CONCUSSION.
THIS...PREYTA... WHATEVER... CERTAINLY TRIED TO PERSUADE YOU TO GIVE UP.


ME, MYSELF... I WOULD PROBABLY HAVE SAID, "ENOUGH OF THIS" RIGHT AFTER THEY THREW ME IN BARBED WIRE--
--ALTHOUGH, IF I REALLY THINK ABOUT IT.. I WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN ABLE TO GET *OUT* OF THE BARBED WIRE, SO EVERYTHING WOULD HAVE ENDED *RIGHT THEN.*
SNAP

PRETORIUS HAS TRIED TO CONTROL EVERY SITUATION.
I IMAGINE THAT IN HIS GOVERNMENTAL POSITION, PRETORIUS IS ENSNARED BY CONVENTIONAL POLICIES THAT DICTATE THAT HE TRY TO MANIPULATE AND REPUDIATE THE PEOPLE WHO ARE AGAINST HIS POLITICAL PARTY'S POLICIES--
--AS WELL AS SUPERVISING AND DIRECTING THE ACTIONS OF THE PEOPLE WHO SUPPORT HIM. AND YET, EVEN WITH HIS OWN PEOPLE, TRY AS HE MIGHT, IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO PREDICT WHO OR WHAT IS CONTROLLABLE.
THE MORE PRETORIUS HAS TRIED TO CONTROL THIS PARTICULAR SITUATION, THE MORE OUT OF CONTROL EVENTS HAVE BECOME.
HE MUST REALIZE IT IS HAPPENING. EVERY DAY, BEFORE ALL THIS STARTED, HE MUST HAVE LIVED WITH DAILY DOUBTS... TRYING TO CREDIBLY, WHILE UNDER MYRIAD ATTACKS FROM DIVERSE FACTIONS IN HIS OWN COUNTRY--
--AS WELL AS CRITICISM FROM OUTSIDE HIS COUNTRY... HAVE SOME MOMENTS OF MISGIVING ABOUT DEFENDING A SYSTEM...APARTHEID... AS A WAY OF LIFE... A WAY THAT HE MUST KNOW, WITH OR WITHOUT BLOODSHED, CANNOT SURVIVE INDEFINITELY
MY PRESENCE HAS BROUGHT ABOUT A PERSONAL LOSS OF CONTROL FOR HIM.
BUT WHAT DOES PRATOGUS ...IS THAT HIS NAME? . HAVE TO DO WITH YOUR MOTHER? WHY SHOULD HE EVEN CARE WHETHER YOU ARE HERE ..OR ON THE MOON?
I WISH I COULD ANSWER THAT I HAVE IT ALL FIGURED OUT--
EXCEPT WHAT IT'S ALL ABOUT
SLADE SET IT ALL IN MOTION WHEN HE CONTACTED ME AND PRETORIUS. THAT WAS WHEN SLADE THOUGHT HE COULD CONTROL EVERYTHING THAT HAPPENED.
BUT I MUST CONFESS, ZANT!... I HAVE MY OWN FEARS.
YOU?
MY EMOTIONS ARE ALL JANGLED...
RAGGED...
...A CONFUSION OF ANGER AND FEAR.
I AM NOT SURE I CAN CONTROL MY ACTIONS... OF WHAT I MIGHT DO--
WHAT I MIGHT BE CAPABLE OF DOING.

THE GREAT CAT HEARS AN UNCOMMON NOISE, FAR OFF, CARRIED ON STILL NIGHT WIND.
HE IS ALERT TENSING--
--SENSES QUESTING OUTWARD TO DETECT IF THE SOUND IS REPEATED--
--AND CAN BE LOCATED AND IDENTIFIED
WHAT'S WRONG WITH YOU? I DON'T THINK YOU ARE CONTROLLING YOURSELF VERY WELL RIGHT THIS MOMENT.
WAIT, ZANTI! LET ME LISTEN
TO WHAT?
YES. THERE IT IS AGAIN
METALLIC DISCORDANCE.
COMING FROM THE DIRECTION OF THE SONAR GLIDER!
AND WHAT ELSE IS MADE FROM METALS OUT HERE IN THE WOODS AND NEARBY ROLLING HILLS OF MAIZE?
A GROUP OF PEOPLE HAS FOUND IT! WE MUST GET THERE!
YOU'D BETTER TURN AROUND AND GO BACK!
WHAT'S GOING ON NOW?
THE SONAR GLIDER IS HIS ONLY MEANS OF QUICK TRANSPORT TO DEVIL'S PEAK.
IF THE SONAR GLIDER IS DESTROYED HIS CHANCES OF ESCAPING SOUTH AFRICA UNDETECTED ARE SEVERELY CURTAILED
THAT IS PROVIDING HE SURVIVES THE RECEPTION THAT WILL MOST ASSUREDLY BE AWAITING HIM AT DEVIL'S PEAK.
HEY! DON'T RUN OFF!
YOU CAN'T JUST LEAVE ME HERE LIKE THIS.
THAT'S NOT RIGHT!
YOU HEAR ME?
YOU HEAR EVERYTHING ELSE EVEN WHEN THERE'S NOTHING TO HEAR
YOU OUGHT TO HEAR WHAT I'M SAYING!

THE CLAMOR IS DEAFENING NOW--
-SCREECHING AT HIM TO HURRY--
-AT THE BORDER HE SETS HIMSELF TO SLOW AND SURVEY WITH CHARY CAT EYES
HE BREATHES SILENTLY IN THE SHADOWS, ALMOST AFRAID TO LET THE AIR OUT OF HIS LUNGS LEST SOME SOLDIER NOTICE IT.
HE MUST NOT RUSTLE THE BLADES OF MAIZE--
--NOR RISE ABOVE THEIR HEIGHT WHERE HE MIGHT BE SPOTTED
HE MUST REACH THE GLIDER, BUT HE WOULD NEVER MAKE IT IN A STRAIGHT CHARGE
TOO MANY WEAPONS TOO MANY FINGERS ON TOO MANY TRIGGERS
BULLETS WOULD RIP THE NIGHT AND CLAIM HIM BRING HIM DOWN BLOODILY--
SO MANY WOUNDS FOR THE SACRED HEART SHAPED HERBS TO WEAVE AND STAUNCH THE FLOW OF BLOOD.
YOU ARE ONE STUBBORN MAN JOT
YOU KNOW THAT?

RIEBEECK!
IT'S HIM
FWHIPP
STUPID ROOT GET OUT OF MY WAY!
WHUCK
THIS IS THE FIRST TIME RIEBEECK HAS SEEN HIS QUARRY IN THE FLESH
A REAL MAN OF WEIGHT AND HEIGHT, NOT JUST PHOTO IMAGES
MANAGED TO SOMEHOW MANEUVER PAST THE TROOPS STATIONED
VAN DER MERWE WAS RIGHT ABOUT ONE THING--
KATHUD
HUFF
NHOO!

WAKANDA'S TECHNICIANS HAVE MADE THE GLIDER VIRTUALLY THEFT PROOF
IT CAN BE BLOWN TO SCRAP METAL OUT OF THE SKY BY DIRECT HITS--
--WAKANDA'S RESEARCHERS HAVEN'T FIGURED OUT A WAY PAST THAT YET, BUT IF ANYONE WANTS TO GET INTO IT WITHOUT DESTROYING IT, THEY BETTER HAVE A SONAR EMANATOR KEY SET TO THE FREQUENCY OF THIS LOCK.
THE KEY DOES NOT ENTER LOCK OR SEAM, BUT THE VIBRATIONS PITCHED TO THE COCKPIT SEAL INVISIBLY CONNECT.
WAKANDA'S DESIGNERS AND W'KABI TRUST HE WON'T GROW ABSENT-MINDED AND MISPLACE THE SONAR EMANATOR AND EFFECTIVELY LOCK HIMSELF OUT
HE HAS NEVER HINTED THAT IT HAS OCCURRED ON MORE THAN ONE OCCASION.
YOU'RE NOT GETTING AWAY THIS TIME! I'M BRINGING YOU DOWN!
SPINNG
IF THEY GET THEMSELVES ORGANIZED, T'CHALLA WILL NEVER HAVE THE CHANCE TO GET HIS MAGNIFICENT MACHINE OFF THE GROUND.
DON'T SHOOT HIM!
YOU HAVE NO RIGHT TO KILL HIM! HE'S DONE NOTHING WRONG!
VAN DER MERWE WHIRLS AT THE AREA OF THE SHOUTING.
NO ONE IS STOPPING HIM THIS TIME!
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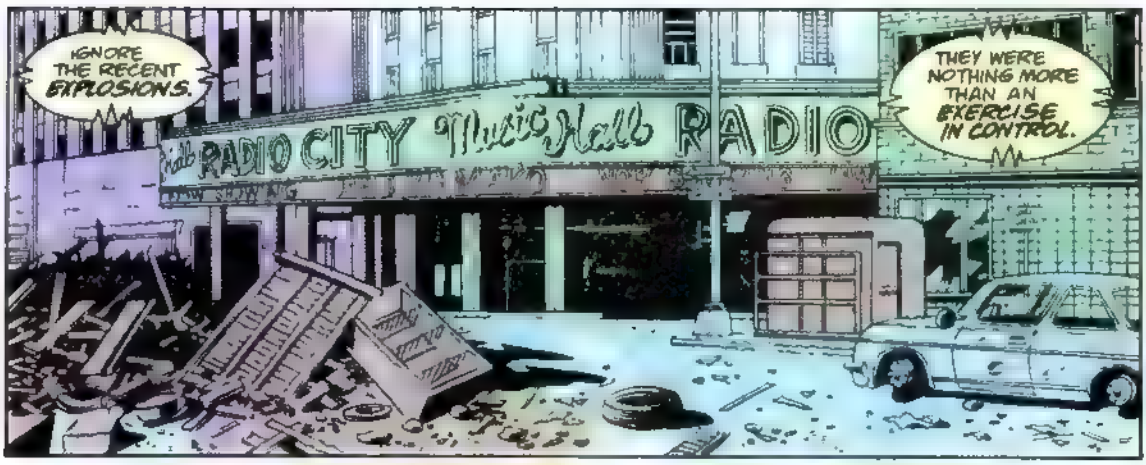

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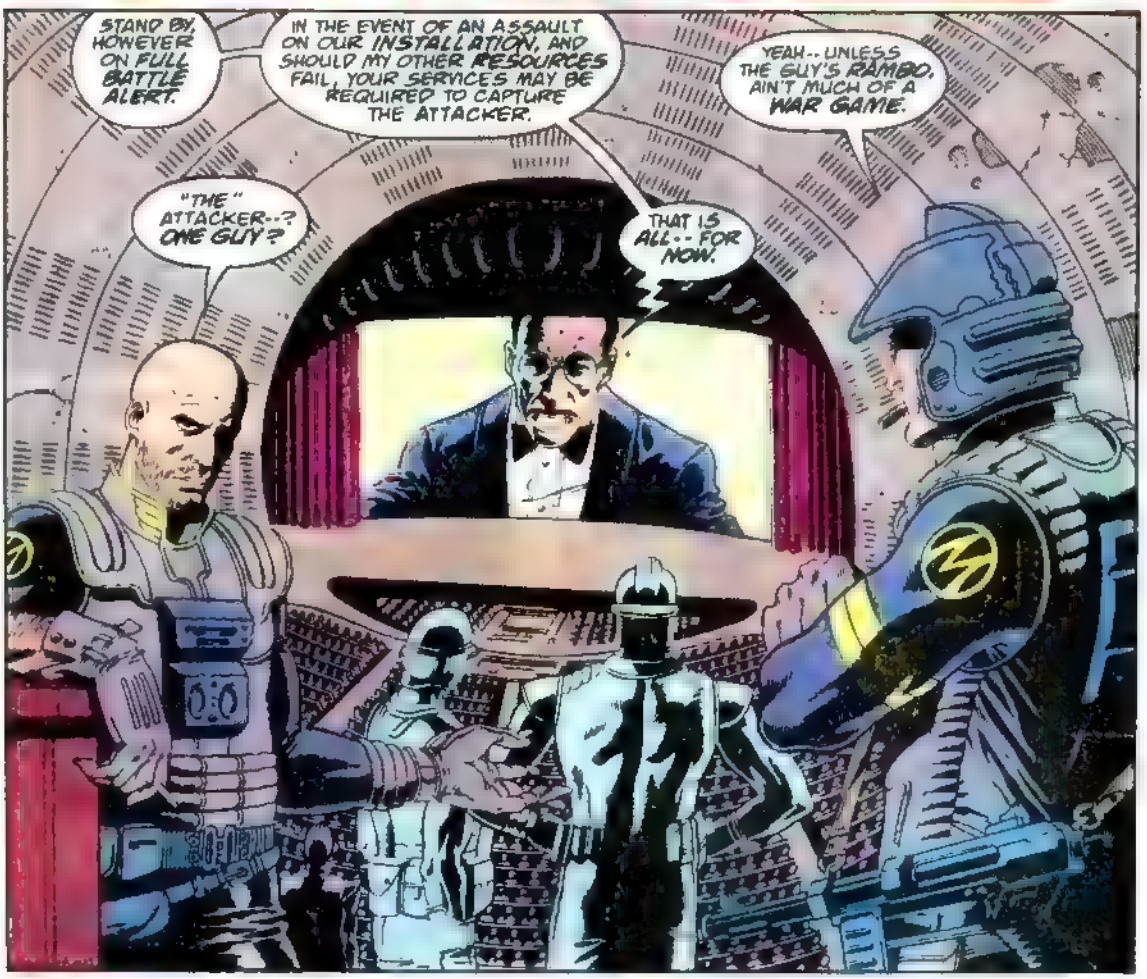
Chapter 8

THE MAZE


STAND BY, HOWEVER ON FULL BATTLE ALERT.
IN THE EVENT OF AN ASSAULT ON OUR INSTALLATION, AND SHOULD MY OTHER RESOURCES FAIL, YOUR SERVICES MAY BE REQUIRED TO CAPTURE THE ATTACKER.
YEAH-- UNLESS THE GUY'S RAMBO, AIN'T MUCH OF A WAR GAME.
"THE" ATTACKER--? ONE GUY?
THAT IS ALL-- FOR NOW.

ARE YOU UH SURE ABOUT THIS, MAKO? I MEAN, WHEN THE CORPORATIONS FIND OUT YOU SHOT DOWN THOSE HELICOPTERS--
IF MULTI-NATIONAL CORPORATIONS WISH TO BEHAVE LIKE SOVEREIGN STATES UNTO THEMSELVES THEY MUST LEARN TO EXPECT WARS, SCHIRMER--AND THE ATTENDANT TRAGEDIES OF WAR
INDEED. THAT IS WHAT PROJECT: ULTRA-TECH IS ALL ABOUT
BUT, WE WERE WORKING FOR THEM...
AS WE SHALL AGAIN--AS SOON AS I DELIVER THE PROTOTYPE FOR THEIR CYBORG ARMY.
BUT WHAT IF THERE'S NOT ENOUGH TIME TO RECAPTURE COLDBLOOD? THEY'LL BE INVESTIGATING THE DISAPPEARANCES OF
WE NEED BUT ONE NIGHT, SCHIRMER
TONIGHT--A SINGLE NIGHT OF MADNESS FOR MY RENEGADE MASTERPIECE.
AND BY THE WAY, DO YOU THINK SUCH A "ONE-MAN ARMY" COULD ACTUALLY PREVAIL OVER ALL OUR FORCES?
WELL I I DON'T KNOW, SIR
NO MATTER--SINCE WE MAY NOT EVEN NEED OUR TROOPS
SIR? IF YOU MEAN YOU INTEND TO..UH RELY ON OUR ROBOTICS ALONE, I
..I FEEL I MUST POINT OUT THAT HE'S LIKE A ROBOT HIMSELF YET CONTROLLED BY SUPERIOR HUMAN INTELLIGENCE.
HUMAN INTELLIGENCE LINKED TO A COMPUTER, SCHIRMER--OUR COMPUTER
BUT GINA F-FREED HIS COMPUTER
INDEED--WHICH IS WHY HE MUST ENTER OUR TRAP TO FREE HER.
YOU MEAN HE FEELS A SENSE OF DUTY MAYBE EVEN LOVE.?
"LOVE" SOUND LIKE CHARLES--OR TREACHEROUS GINA HERSELF

BUT AS.. COLDBLOOD IS VERY MUCH BOUND BY A SENSE OF DUTY
I TOLD YOU, COMPUTER-- I OWE HER
PRESENT COURSE OF ACTION NEVERTHELESS SUICIDAL INSANITY; HAVING ESCAPED ENEMY TERRAIN, A GOOD SOLDIER DOES NOT RETURN TO THE SAME--
YEAH, AS YOU'VE TOLD ME-- AT LEAST TWENTY TIMES..
NOW SHUT UP.
BUT YOU SEE SCHIRMER, NOW THAT HE HAS RETURNED TO MY DOMAIN, AND EVEN THOUGH ALL OUR INITIAL COMPUTER RESTRAINTS HAVE BEEN SHATTERED BY GINA--"
-- HE WILL SOON FIND THAT HE IS NO LONGER A FREE MAN
DANGER-- TWENTY- THREE DEGREES LEFT.
OR EVEN A FREE ROBOT."
A MIDGET PRIEST--?
THE SOUL IS BOUND IN THE FLESH--
WHAT THE --?
--UNTIL THE FLESH BE CONSUMED BY THE ANGELS OF DEATH, WHEREUPON THE SOUL SHALL BE BORNE UNTO HEAVEN ON THE WINGS OF BIRDS.
NOW IT'S A ROBOT. ?
DANGER--

EZZZZT
AGH!
--HAND-LASERS!
H-HOW DID--
IMMEDIATE DEFENSE MODE!
BUT NOW IT'S A PRIEST AGAI--
FIRE! NOW!
CHUN CHUN
ALL RIGHT, COMPUTER--EXPLAIN! HOW DID IT CHANGE FROM--
WHILE SOME PEOPLE WEAR SEVERAL HATS, COLDBLOOD, MAKO'S ROBOTS CAN BE INFINITELY ATTIRED.
HATS--? WHAT ARE YOU--
A KID?!
SOMEHOW.. MAKO MADE ME KILL A KID?!
WHAT YOU SAW FIRST AS A PRIEST, YOU SEE SECOND AS A CHILD.
WHY BELIEVE YOUR SIGHT NOW?
EXPLAIN, COMPUTER!
I MADE YOU KILL THE ROBOT; MAKO MERELY MADE YOU THINK YOU KILLED A CHILD.

WHAT ARE YOU--
CHAKOOM
UMPH!
IN DEFIANCE OF MY WARNING, HOWEVER, YOU BROUGHT ME BACK WITHIN RANGE OF MAKO'S BROADCAST INFLUENCE.
WHEN FREE OF EXTERNAL CONTROL, I WARNED YOU THIS RETURN WAS MADNESS.
CHAKOOM
AND NOW, THROUGH ME, MAKO CAN ONCE AGAIN DECEIVE YOUR BRAIN, ALTERING YOUR EVERY PERCEPTION-- INCLUDING SIGHT.
THEN... WHAT I SAW--
WHN
WHN
- WAS NOT A DEAD KID?
MY EVERY RESPONSE, FROM NOW ON, WILL BE SUSPECT AND THEREFORE MEANINGLESS
ELSEWHERE IN THE COMPLEX...
GET AWAY FROM HER!
KTAK
IT'S OKAY, GINA!
I'M GETTING YOU OUT OF--
--AHRRRR!!
KRAK

FZZZZT
WELCOME TO THE REAL PARTY, CHARLES
KZZZAKT
QUITE SHOCKING, IS IT NOT? ALTHOUGH WE EXPECTED YOU.
WHEN GINA BETRAYED PROJECT ULTRA-TECH
AHRRR! G-GOTTA GET YOU... F-FREE, GINA...
KZZZZZZZ
--MAKO WONDERED WHICH OF HIS OTHER COLLEAGUES MIGHT TURN--
--AND THE MOST LIKELY CANDIDATE--
-AS MAKO WELL KNEW--
SPAP
UNPHHH!
--WAS YOU, CHARLES!
RUN, GINA!
GET OUT OF HERE!
KZZZT
SHE'S ESCAPING, MAKO!
INDEED, SCHIRMER
AND WE'RE GOING TO LET HER GO.

" STRAIGHT INTO THE SAME MADNESS OUR COLD-BLOODED CYBORG NOW ENJOYS.
YOU CAN NO LONGER RELY ON MY INPUT. EVERYTHING I TELL YOU IS A LIE--
INCLUDING THE STATEMENT THAT EVERY STATEMENT IS A LIE?
--AND WHAT I SAY TWO TIMES IS FALSE
IF YOU WERE LYING THEN I DID KILL A KID?
EVERYTHING I TELL YOU IS A LIE
THAT'S TWICE YOU'VE SAID THAT
EVERYTHING I TELL YOU IS A LIE
MAKING THREE..
BUT WHICH ONE OF THE THREE?
YOU DO NOT WANT A SIDE DOOR
AND IF YOU'RE LYING, THEN I SHOULD AVOID THE CENTER DOOR.
YOU DO NOT WANT A SIDE DOOR
THAT'S TWO TIMES..
THERE ARE NO DOORS. ALL THREE DOORS LEAD TO DEATH.
YOU'RE RIGHT, COMPUTER
CHUNK CHUNK CHUNK
LET'S KISS 'EM ALL GOODBYE!

THE SOUL IS BOUND IN THE FLESH--
--UNTIL THE FLESH BE CONSUMED BY THE ANGELS OF DEATH--
G-GINA--?
--WHEREUPON THE SOUL SHALL BE BORNE UNTO HEAVEN ON THE WINGS OF BIRDS.
OH, NO.
TOO LATE... I.. I'M--
COLDBLOOD--!
ERIC--! IT'S ME!
GINA--? AGAIN? BUT YOU... YOU'RE--
--A ROBOT!
YEAH... ANOTHER OF MAKO'S TRICKS-- JUST LIKE THE PRIEST--AND THE KID.
N-NO, COLDBLOOD. I--
BUT IT WON'T WORK AGAIN.
THIS TIME
...I SEE RIGHT THROUGH IT!
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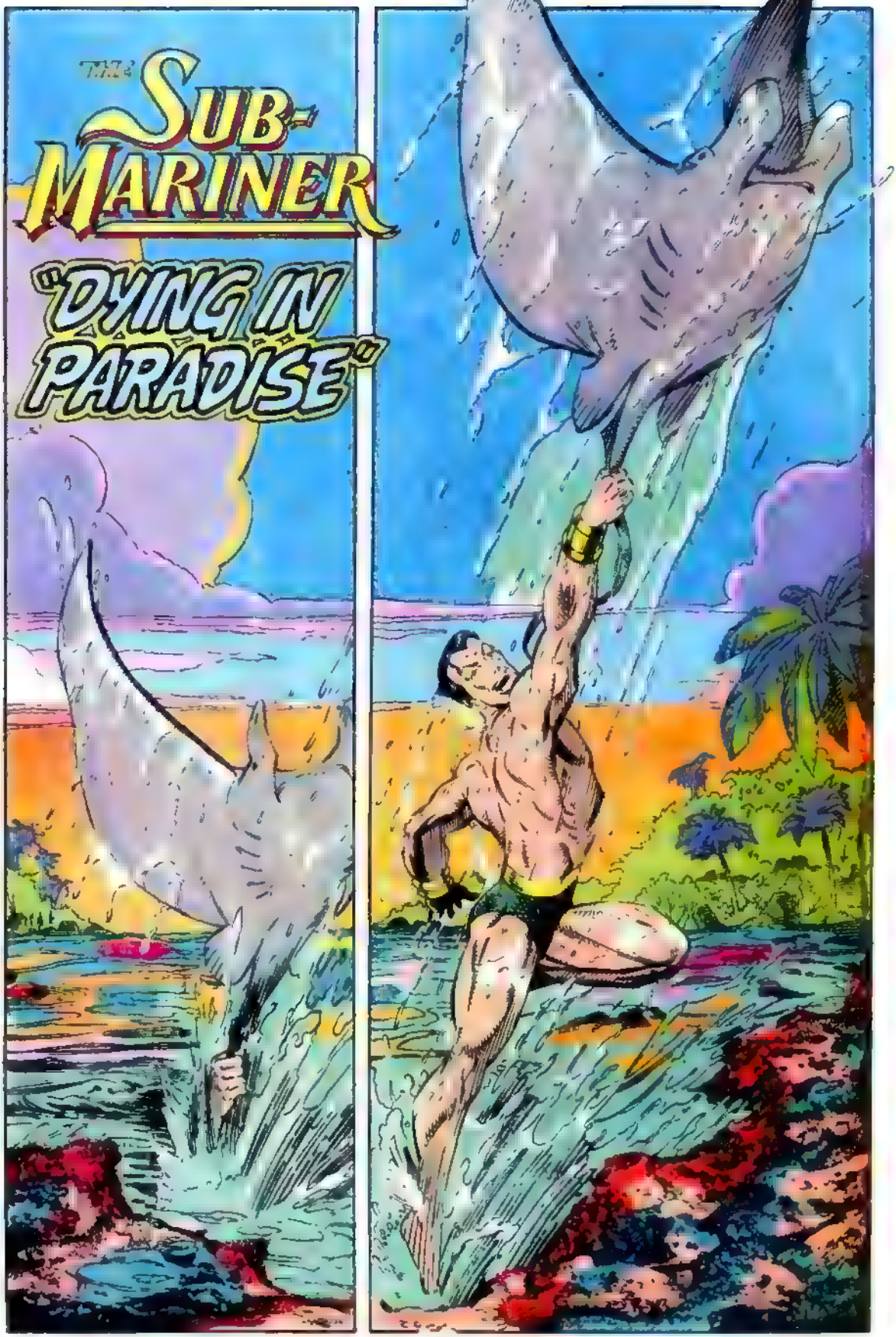
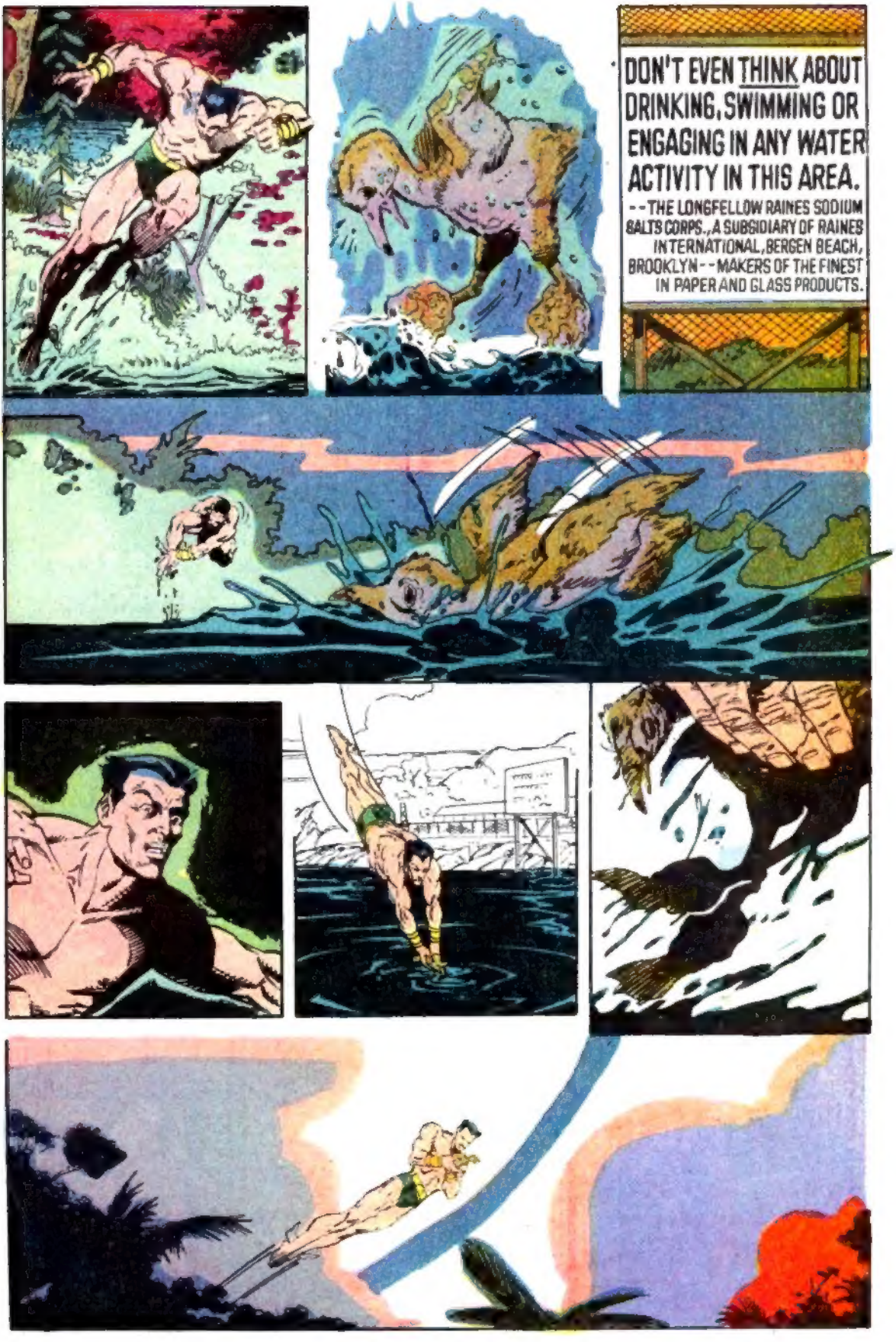

THE SUB-MARINER
"DYING IN PARADISE"


DON'T EVEN THINK ABOUT DRINKING, SWIMMING OR ENGAGING IN ANY WATER ACTIVITY IN THIS AREA.
--THE LONGFELLOW RAINES SODIUM SALTS CORPS., A SUBSIDIARY OF RAINES INTERNATIONAL, BERGEN BEACH, BROOKLYN--MAKERS OF THE FINEST IN PAPER AND GLASS PRODUCTS.

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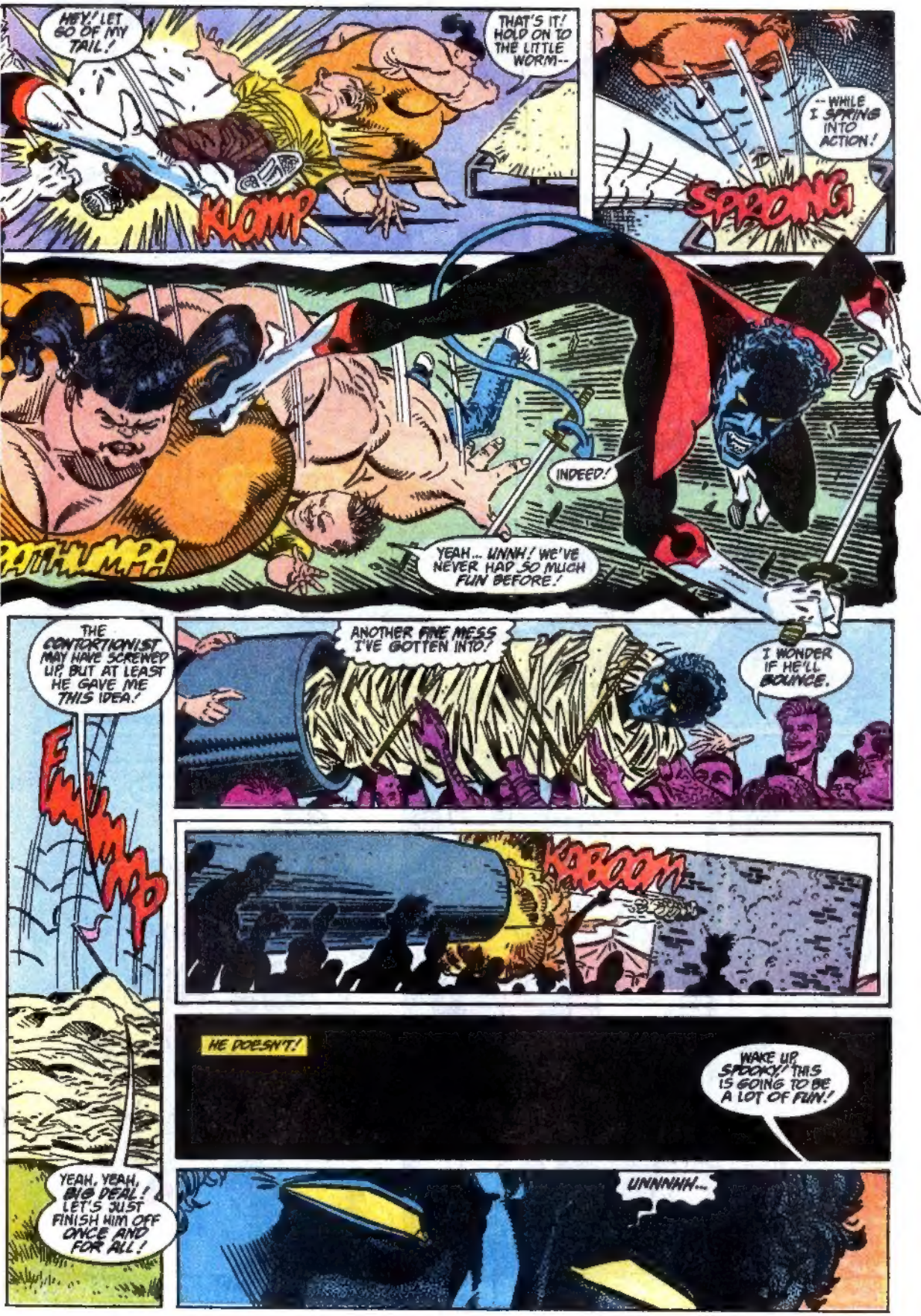
BLACK PANTHER
LOSING CONTROL!
SUB-MARINER
DYING IN PARADISE!
COLDBLOOD
IN THE MAZE!
RYAN McGUIRE


HEY! LET GO OF MY TAIL!
KLOMP
THAT'S IT! HOLD ON TO THE LITTLE WORM--
--WHILE I SPRING INTO ACTION!
SPRONG
INDEED!
YEAH... UNNH! WE'VE NEVER HAD SO MUCH FUN BEFORE!
THE CONTORTIONIST MAY HAVE SCREWED UP, BUT AT LEAST HE GAVE ME THIS IDEA!
FWUMPP
ANOTHER FINE MESS I'VE GOTTEN INTO!
I WONDER IF HE'LL BOUNCE.
KABOOM
HE DOESN'T!
WAKE UP SPOOKY! THIS IS GOING TO BE A LOT OF FUN!
YEAH, YEAH, BIG DEAL! LET'S JUST FINISH HIM OFF ONCE AND FOR ALL!
UNNNNH...